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Original Poetry.

THE DYING ONE.

BY PAYNE KENYON GILMORE.

"The young heart's memorial dream is past.
The golden chords are severing now."

Friend, farewell! the day is dawning
Which shall see us know as one,
Streaks of light presage the morning,
With the Perfect Day is near begun.
Soon upon the hills of glory
Shall thy renewed spirit stand,
Listening to salvation's story,
Chanted by the scattered band.

Hark the sound of angels flying!—
Hear them rushing from the sky!—
Now the summer-winds are sighing—
Tis a zephyr passing by.
Yet perchance, they're here before them,
On these embassy of love;
Noiselessly they 're hovering o'er them,
Soon to welcome them above.

How the breath of pure devotion,
Every hope and fear o'erwhelms!
Lake a zephyr on the ocean
Wafting them to brighter realms!
Lo! thy spirit's chains are riven—
Lo—'tis struggling to be free!—
Young at years, but ripe for heaven,
Who'd not wish to die like thee!

What glories are thy brow adorning
As thou hid'st the world adieu,
And the splendours of that morning
Burst upon thy raptured view!
When in glory thou set morning
—If a sunset be there—
May thy friend, on earth remaining,
Be the harbinger of thy prayer!

Even-dew will 'l-the day is breaking
Which shall never know a night!
Fare-thee-well!—for thou art waking
In the rainless realms of light!

Original Tales.

THE BUSHEL OF CORN.*

WRITTEN FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST
BY T. S. ARTHUR.

Farmer Gray had a neighbor who was not the best tempered man in the world, though usually kind and obliging. He was a shoemaker. His name was Barton. One day in harvest-time, when every hand on the farm was needed, he came to the house door of Farmer Gray's, and said, in rather a petulant tone of voice—

"Mr. Gray, I wish you would send over and deliver your grain, to-day."

"Why so, Mr. Barton, what have my grass hoes done?" the farmer said, in a mild quiet tone.

"They don't do anything, and I want them sent—and go into my garden, and I will not have it!" the neighbor replied in a still more petulant voice.

"I am really sorry for it, neighbor Barton. But what can I do?"

"Why you there, and then keep them on your own premises. It's no kind of a way to let your grass stand all over every farm and garden in the neighborhood."

"But I can not help them. All the harvest hands that Barton, and every man, woman and child on the farm has so much to be at she can do. Try and hear it for a week or two, and then I will come and possibly remedy the evil."

"I can't bear it, and I won't bear it any longer!" the shoemaker said. "So if you do not take care of them, friend Gray, I shall have to take care of them for you."

"What would you do, neighbor?" the quiet farmer Gray replied in his usual quiet tone. "I am sorry that they trouble you, but I cannot attend to them now."

"I'll attend to them for you, see if I don't," the shoemaker said, still more angrily than when he first called upon farmer Gray, and then turned upon his heel and strode off hastily toward his own house, which was quite near to the old farmer's.

"What on earth can be the matter with them grass?" Mrs. Gray said, about fifteen minutes after words."

"I really cannot tell, unless neighbor Barton is taking care of them. He threatened to do so if I didn't take them right off."

"Taking care of them! How taking care of them?"

"As to that, I am quite in the dark. Killing them, perhaps. He said they picked a few pigs' ears and drove them away when they were eating, and that he would not have it. He wanted me to take them right off, but that I could not do now, as all the hands are busy. And then said, that if I didn't take care of them, he would. So I suppose he is engaged in the neighborly business of taking care of our grass."

"John! William! Run over and see what Mr. Barton is doing with our grass. Stop," said, in a quick and anxious tone as two little boys who were playing near.

The urchins scampered off, well pleased to perform any errand.

"Oh, if he has dared to do any thing to my grass, I will never forgive him!" the good wife said angrily.

"If—ah, Sally! make no calculations for the future than probable that he has killed some ten or three of them. But never mind if he has. He will get over his pet, and be sorry for it."

"Yes, but what good will his being sorry do me. Will it bring my grass to life?"

"Ah, well, Sally, never mind. Let us wait until we learn what all this disturbance is about."

In about ten minutes the children came home, bearing the bodies of three geese, each without a head.

"Oh, isn't that too much for human endurance?" exclaimed Mrs. Gray. "Where did you find them?"

"We found them lying out in the road," said the eldest of the two children. "And when we picked them up, Mr. Barton said—Tell your mother that I have picked his geese for him, to save him trouble, as his hands are all too busy to do it."

"I'd not hire for it!" said Mrs. Gray, in an indignant tone.

"And what good would that do, Sally?"

"Why it would do a great deal of good! It would teach him better manners. It would punish him; and he deserves punishment."

"And punish us into the bargain. We have lost three goose now, but we still have their good fat bodies, I eat. I do not like geese, and I am a good deal vexed, and not know as even as much as the feathers, besides giving us a world of trouble and vexation. No, no, Sally, that will not do. I shall be sorry for it, I know."

"Sorry for it, indeed! And what good will his being sorry for it do me, I should like to know. Next, he will kill a cow, and then we must be satisfied with his being sorry for it. Now, I can not bear that. I don't have on that doctrine. No sir! I believe any thing about his being sorry, the cudded, ill-natured wretch!"

"Don't call hard names, Sally," neighbor Gray said, in a mild soothing tone. "Neighbor Barton was not himself when he killed the geese. Like every other angry person, he was a little insane, and did what he would not have done had he been perfectly in his right mind. When you see a little excited, you know, Sally, that even you do and say unreasonable things."

"Me do and say unreasonable things!" exclaimed Mrs. Gray, with a look and tone of indignant astonishment. "me my and do unreasonable things! When I am angry I don't understand you, Mr. Gray."

"Then I can help you a little. Don't you remember her how angry you were when Mr. Mellon's old brindle got into your garden, and trampled over your bottom bed, and how you struck her with the oven pole, and knocked off one of her horns."

"But I didn't mean to do that, though."

"No, but then you were angry, and struck old brindle with a right good will. And if Mr. Mellon had felt disposed, he might have prosecuted for damages."

"But the bed had business there."

"Of course not. Neither had our geese any business in neighbor Barton's yard. But, perhaps I can help you to another illustration that will bring more closeness in my good to your doing and saying unreasonable things when you are angry. You remember the patent churn?"

"Yes, but never mind about that."

"No you have not forgotten how unreasonable you were about the churn. It wasn't good for any thing—I know that—but you'd never put a jar of cream into it so long as you lived—that you wouldn't. And yet, on trial, you found that churn the best you had ever used, and now wouldn't part with it on any consideration. So you see, Sally, that even you can say and do unreasonable things when you are angry just as well as Mr. Barton can. Let us then consider him a little, and give him time to get over his angry fit. It will be much better to do so."

Mrs. Gray saw that her husband was right, but still she felt indignant at the outrage committed on her geese. She did not, however, say any thing about serving the shoemaker—for old brindle's head from which the horn had been knocked off, was not yet entirely well, and our prosecution very naturally suggested the idea of another. So she took her three fat geese, and after stripping off their feathers, had them prepared for the table.

On the next morning, as Mr. Gray was going along the road, he met the shoemaker, and as they had to pass very near to each other, they were smiled, and bowed, and spoke kindly. Mr. Barton looked and felt very uneasy, but farmer Gray did not seem to remember the unpleasant incident of the day before.

It was about eleven o'clock of the same day, that one of farmer Gray's little boys came running to him, and crying—

"Oh father! father! Mr. Barton's hogs are in our corn field!"

"Then I must go and drive them out," said Mr. Gray, in a quiet tone.

"Drive them out!" ejaculated Mrs. Gray. "Drive em out, indeed! I'd shoot them, that's what I'd do! I'd serve him so he served my geese yesterday!"

"But that wouldn't bring the geese to life again, Sally."

"I don't care if it wouldn't. It would be paying him in his own coin, and that's all he deserves."

"You know what the Bible says, Sally, about grieving words, and they apply with stronger force to grieving deeds. Let us never be guilty of either. Two wrongs can't be real. That is the best way. He has done wrong. I am sure he is sorry for it. And as well, and still more certain sorry for so unkind and unneighborly an action, I intend making use of the best means for keeping him sorry."

"Then you will be revenged on him, any how."

"No Sally—not revenged. I hope I have no such feeling. But I will make him sorry for his conduct, and who has done himself a much greater wrong than he has done me. But I wish him to see clearly how wrong he has acted, that he may do so no more. And I shall not have any cause to complain of him, nor he any to be grieved, as I am sure he is at his own hasty conduct. But what I am talking here, my hogs are destroying my corn."

And so saying, farmer Gray hurried off towards his corn field. When he arrived there, he found four hogs busy tearing down the stalks, and pulling off, and eating the tops of the corn. They had already destroyed a good deal. But he drove them out very calmly, and put up the bars through which they had entered, and then—unconscious of gathering up the half dozen ears of corn, and throwing them out into the lane, for the hogs that had been so suddenly disturbed in the process of their feasting—went off. As he was thus engaged, Mr. Barton, who had from his own fields, came hurriedly up, to say—

"I am very sorry, Mr. Gray, indeed I am, that my hogs have done you harm. I will most cheerfully pay you for what they have destroyed."

"Oh, never mind friend Barton—never mind. Such things will happen sometimes. My grass, you know, annoy you very much sometimes."

"Don't speak of it Mr. Gray. They didn't annoy me at all. I was in the wrong, and I am sorry for it. I will not be so unreasonable another time. I will not be so blame mean! Of course, myself. I should have kept my fences in better repair, or my gate closed. The fault certainly was not to blame, for they follow only the promptings of nature—and their owners should not be censured, for they know nothing about it. It would be very wrong for me to injure both the animals and their owners for my own neglect—would it not?"

"Why—I suppose it would."

"So at least I believe it to be me. Then, of course, I ought not to injure neighbor Barton's cows or hogs, even if they should trespass on my corn field a gain, simply because it would be wrong to do so. This is the principle upon which we should act, and not from any selfish policy."

After this, there was no more trouble about farmer Gray's geese or cattle. Sometimes the geese would get into Barton's fields, though not often, and neither up nor down. So I shall trust on paying you for at least one bushel of corn, for I am sure they have destroyed that much, if not more."

But Mr. Gray shook his head and smiled pleasantly, as he replied—

"Don't think any thing more about it neighbor Barton. It is a reason deserving of no consideration. No doubt my cattle have done you damage, as well as your trespass on you again. Let us then bear and forbear."

All this cut the shoemaker still deeper, and he felt still less at ease in mind after he parted from the farmer, than he did before. But on one thing he resolved, and that was, to pay Mr. Gray for the corn which his hogs had eaten.

"You told him your mind pretty plainly I hope," Mrs. Gray said, as her husband came in.

"I certainly did," was the quiet reply.

"And I'm glad you had spirit enough to do it! I always be at him think twice, before he kills any more of my geese."

"I expect you are right, Sally. I don't think we shall be troubled with them."

"And what did you say to him? And what did he say for himself?"

"Why, he seemed very much to pay me for the corn his pigs had eaten; but I wouldn't hear to it. I told him that it made no difference in the world. That such things would happen some times."

"You did?"

"Certainly, I did."

"And in the way you spoke your mind to him?"

"Precisely. And I feel the desired effect. It made him think more than if he had spoken angrily to him. He was extremely vexed at what he had done, and says he will never rest until he has paid for that corn. I told him there was no hurry about it. So I will be the best possible guaranty I can have for his kind and neighborly conduct hereafter."

"You are right, Mr. Gray, you are right. Mrs. Gray said, after a few moments of thoughtful silence. "I like Mr. Barton very much—and now I came to think of it, I should not wish to have any difference between our families."

"And so do I like Mr. Barton. He has read a good deal, and I find it very pleasant to sit with him, occasionally, during the long winter evenings. His only fault is his quick temper—but I am sure it is much better for me to bear with, and resolve that, than to oppose and excite it, and then keep high his family and our own in hot water."

"You are certainly right," Mrs. Gray said, "and I only wish that I could always think and feel as you do. But I am a little quick, as they say."

"And so is Mr. Barton. Now just the same consideration that you would desire others to have for you, should you exercise towards Mr. Barton, or any one else whose hasty temper leads him into words or actions that in calmer and more thoughtful moments, are subjects of regret."

On the next day, while Mr. Gray stood in his own door, from which he could see all over the two or three acres of ground that the shoemaker cultivated, he observed two of his own cows in his neighbor's corn field.

"Now I will see the effect of yesterday's lesson," the farmer said to himself, and then paused to observe the manner of the shoemaker towards his cattle in driving them out of the field. In a few minutes Mr. Barton met up to the cows—but, instead of throwing stones at them, or striking them with a stick, he merely drove them out in a quiet way, and put up the bars through which they had entered.

"Admirable!" ejaculated farmer Gray.

"What is admirable?" asked his wife who came within hearing distance at the moment.

"Why the lesson I gave our friend Barton yesterday about his cattle."

"How so?"

"Why two of our cows were in his corn field a few minutes ago, and he drove them out at a rapid rate."

"Well! What did he do to them?" in a quick, anxious tone.

"He drove them out."

"Did he stone them, or beat them?"

"No. He was as gentle as a child toward them."

"You are certainly jesting."

"Not I. Friend Barton has not forgotten that his temper is an over bold, boundary, and that I turned them out without hurting a hair of one of them. Now, suppose I had got angry and beaten his hogs, what do you think the result would have been? Why, it is much more than probable, that one or both of our fine cows would have been at this moment in the condition of Mr. Mellon's old brindle."

"I wish you wouldn't say any thing more about old brindle." Mrs. Gray said, trying to laugh, while her face grew red, in spite of her efforts to keep down her feelings.

"Well, I won't, Sally, if it worries you. But it is such a good illustration, that I cannot help using it sometimes."

"I am glad he didn't hurt the cows." Mrs. Gray said, after a pause.

"And so am I Sally. Glad as more than one account. But I thought that he made an effort to keep down his hasty, irritable temper—and if he can do that, it will be a favor conferred on the whole neighborhood, for there is not a more unpleasant man to deal with, or to live with, than a man who is subject to such a fault as his character."

It is certainly the best policy, to keep fair weather with him"—Mrs. Gray remarked—"for a man of his temper could annoy us a good deal."

"That is not your policy, Sally, and a good word," her husband replied. "It conveys a thoroughly selfish idea. Now, we ought to look for some higher motive of action than this. Let us endeavor grounded in correct and unselfish principles."

"But what other motive but policy could we possibly have for bearing with Mr. Barton's ill-temper as we do?"

"Other and far higher motives, it seems to me. We should reflect that Mr. Barton has naturally a hasty temper, and that, when excited, he does things for which he is sorry afterwards—and also, in this same out of sorts, he is a greater sufferer from those outbreaks than any one else. In our actions towards him, then, it is our duty to exercise a kind and forbearing spirit, and not a desire to aid him in the correction of this evil, than to look merely to the protection of ourselves from its effects. Do you see it now?"

"Yes. It does seem so."

"When thus moved to action, we are, in a degree, regarding the welfare especially of our self, but of those we speak effects all. And, in thus suffering ourselves to be governed by such elevated and unselfish motives, we gain all that we possibly could have gained under the mere instigation of policy—and a great deal more. But to bring the matter into a still narrower compass. In all our actions towards him and every one else, we should be governed by the simple considerations—Is it right? Is it wrong? Is it injurious to us? Is it injurious to others? I indulged without a mutual injury. Of course, then, it should never prompt us to action, or if rown or hogs get into our fields, we should not be governed by any motive to be blame most! Of course, myself. I should have kept my fences in better repair, or my gate closed. The fault certainly was not to blame, for they follow only the promptings of nature—and their owners should not be censured, for they know nothing about it. It would be very wrong for me to injure both the animals and their owners for my own neglect—would it not?"

"Why—I suppose it would."

"So at least I believe it to be me. Then, of course, I ought not to injure neighbor Barton's cows or hogs, even if they should trespass on my corn field a gain, simply because it would be wrong to do so. This is the principle upon which we should act, and not from any selfish policy."

After this, there was no more trouble about farmer Gray's geese or cattle. Sometimes the geese would get into Barton's fields, though not often, and neither while eating, but it did not worry him so it did formerly. If they came too troublesome, he would drive them away, but he always did so in a quiet way, and never beat them as he did.

Late in the fall, the shoemaker brought in his bill for work. It was a pretty large bill, with sundry credits.

"Pay the hay comes at last," farmer Gray said, good humoredly, as he looked over the items.

"Well, let us see!" and he took the bill to examine it, item after item.

"What is this?" he asked, reading aloud.

"Or. By one bushel of corn, *fifty cents*."

"It's some corn I had from you."

"I reckon you must be mistaken. You never got any corn from me."

"Oh yes I did. I remember it perfectly. It is all right."

"But when did you get it, friend Barton? I am sure that I have'nt the most distant recollection of it."

"Oh, I got it myself," the shoemaker said, in rather a low and hesitating tone.

"Your hogs?"

"Yes, but you remember when my hogs broke into your field, and destroyed your corn."

"Oh, dear! Is that it? Oh, no, no, friend Barton! I cannot allow that item in the bill."

"Yes, but you must. It is perfectly just—and I shall never rest until it is paid."

"I can't indeed. You couldn't help your hogs getting into my field; and then you know, friend Barton" (and he pointed to his nose) "My grass were very troublesome."

The shoemaker blushed, and looked confused; but farmer Gray stopped him hastily as he was about to speak, in a lively, cheerful way—

"Don't think any thing more about it, friend Barton! And, hereafter, let us endeavor to do as we would be done by, and then every thing will go on as smoothly as clock work."

"But you will allow that item in the bill?" the shoemaker urged, perseveringly.

"Oh no, I couldn't do that. I should think it wrong to make you pay for my own or some of my men's negligence in leaving the barn down."

"But then—" (hesitatingly) "some grass. I killed them. Let it go for them."

"If you did kill them—we eat them. So that is even. Item—no, let the past be forgotten, and if it makes better neighbors and friends of us, we need never regret what has happened."

Farmer Gray remained firm, and the bill was settled, omitting the item of "corn." From that time forth, he never had a better neighbor than the shoemaker. The lesson had been given, and the shoemaker that you would desire others to have for you.

Written for the Saturday Evening Post.

AN ADVENTURE IN HAVANA.

A Romantic Sketch.

BY D. M. CLWOOD.

The moon is up; by heaven a lovely one!
Not much he fears, I wene, of woman's heart,
Who thinks that woman's vow is worn by cards.
CHILDE HAROLD.

It was a most beautiful evening in the Capital of Cuba. Even for that rich and genial climate the air had been unusually pure and refreshing through the day, and as the sun bent low in the west, the cool breeze that poured forth through the gates, glad in escape for a few moments from the narrow and dingy streets of the city, was hailed with a pleasure that was to be found only outside the walls. And while yet the vesper-bell was sounding, the grand Paseo was thronged with citizens of all classes, attracted to them by the unpleasant heats of business and of bustling life. Superb volantes came rolling leisurely along, containing at once the beauty and wealth and fashion of Havana, and the gay equipages of modern cities. Occasionally might be seen a horseman, or more, anxious to be distinguished among the motley multitude. But by far the greater number of those who thronged the paseo, glad to escape for a few moments from the narrow and dingy streets of the city, were content with the pleasure that was to be found

glow; in pride, in difficulties, and in doubts; with an eye always to clear duty, for the glory of God, and the good of society; (meaning only to the sweet music of his own thoughts,) he has tuned his lyre to the sweetest chords of his own thoughts, he has habitually kept his path. The sincerity of man's life consists in the entire conformity of his outward actions to his inward sentiments. Let no subtle sophistry, no false reasoning, no false show for a month, no false distinction, no sinister motives for economic distinction, no false pride, no false shame, no false compliments, no unfriendly envy, lead you to undervalue the intrinsic or essential love under so many trials. Higher principles and sensible motives alone have enabled him to act upon such disinterested, pure, and social principles in the affairs of addresses. He has enlarged and enriched the domestic of a pleasing and useful science; he has rescued it from the existence of mere species of birds below known; he has given us more accurate information of the forms and habits of those that were known; he has improved the branches of botany; and he has imparted to the study of natural history the grace and fascination of literature.

In his moral and his plan he has made the world eminently his debtor. Exquisite delineations of the visible and moral economies of the air, drawn with so much nicety and truth as to be instantly known by all who have the most favorite haunts, who can subsequently describe? We remember well the effect wrought on our mind, when we first saw the whole of his wonderful collection of pictures, as they were exhibited a few years since in New York. It produced an overwhelming sense of the vast and admirable. As John Wilson had said of the same scene, shown at Edinburgh, the spectator instantly and profoundly bowed in the dust. The thinks were all there—all were of the size of life, drawn with the most perfect truth of nature, and with the kind of Wood, Hogarth. But what signified the most nice? The colors were all of life, too, bright as when born in luminous beauty through the WILDS. True, in one of the most bodies and postures, infinite as they are assumed by the various emotions, in motion, or rest, in their gait, or their gambols, their loves and their wars, singing, or screaming, or brooding, or preying, or tending one another to pieces. The tones on which they act or quarrel all true to nature, in hide, breath, agony, and lust, the fiery ardor and the ground flowers, the weeds and the very grass, all harmonious, were there, and were all of the skies. It was a wild and poetical vision of the heart of the New World, imbodied as not perhaps in any art. It was, indeed, a rich and magnificent sight, such as we would not for a dozens have lost.

A premier man, originality, and elegance mark Mr. Audubon's written style. His descriptions of birds in their native woods are not the dull and dry details of a naturalist, but the warm, lively, picturesque paintings of a poet. To open at any page of his volumes is to engage at once into a region of woods, forests, prairies, and wilds. He seems to enter into the very spirits of the birds he describes, and their habits, their loves, their feelings, their very hearts. And his whole life, like these writings, has been a poetical and exalted description of poetry, is this:

"Power whose care
Teaches their way along the pathless coast,
The desert and, instructs the finny tribes
Their wandering, but not lost."

News from Congress.

In the House, on Wednesday, after the passage of a private bill, the Appropriation bill was taken up in Committee of the Whole, and the details of the Treasury Department, appropriating $92,000 for the New York Custom House, and estimated at eight hundred thousand dollars, provided it should not exceed $92,000. This amendment was rejected. On the question of agreeing to the Senate amendment, as amended by the committee, the vote was taken by tellers, when 87 voted in the affirmative, and 66 in the negative.

To the Senate amendments, appropriating one thousand dollars for removing the statue of Washington, Mr. Lewis proposed another, adding the sum of $2,000 for constructing the pedestal, the choice of the artist and the material which to be determined by the President of the Heads of Departments. After a brief debate, in which the mover, Mr. Pendleton, J. R. Ingersoll and Every were participated, the amendment of Mr. Lewis was rejected, and the amendment of the Senate carried.

Other amendments were carried without discussion, till that restoring the salaries of the Charges to Belgium, &c., was reached, which gave rise to a debate of considerable length.

In the House, on Thursday, a bill was reported from a Select Committee for appropriating $3000 to the purchase of materials for the purpose of ascertaining the exact longitude of the Capitol.

The report from the Secretary of the Treasury in relation to the Tariff was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, the House then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The House having just resolved into Committee of the Whole, the undecided business of the previous day was taken up. The amendment of Mr. Clayton, to petition to the truth of the Minister to Holland, was, after debate, agreed to.

To the section providing for the contingent expenses of foreign intercourse the Senate appended a provision, that no part of the appropriation should be applied, after the 1st of July next, for compensation to separate agents, other than those at the courts of Great Britain and France, Congress for receiving and transmitting despatches. This portion goes now to be disposed of, and on the vote being taken, 88 voted in the affirmative and 73 in the negative.

To the amendment appropriating $30,000 for the completion of the whole foreign intercourse act, Mr. Pickens offered an amendment providing $5000 for commercial agents at the mouth of Columbia. After a brief explanation by the mover and Mr. Underwood, the amendment was passed.

All the Senate amendments being disposed of, the Committee rose and reported the bill to the House, which proceeded to act definitively on the various amendments sent from the Senate.

Previous to the rising of the Committee, Mr. Fillmore made an explanation relative to a letter which he had read, purporting to be from Mr. Woodbury, concerning the completion of the New York Custom House. The letter which he had read was written by Mr. Woodbury—but was written from memory and differing in material points from the original.

In the House of Representatives, on Saturday, a resolution submitted by Mr. Graham was adopted, directing the Committee on Naval Affairs to enquire into the expediency of reducing a bill providing that all appointments of officers and midshipmen shall be made in conformity with the ratio of Representation now in each State, Territory, and the District of Columbia, so that all of the States and parts of the Union shall enjoy equal rights and equal advantages, in proportion to their federal population.

In the course of some conversation to which the resolution gave rise, it was stated that the reason why some States had apparently been neglected, was owing to the fact that many of them had not made their appointments for, on account of the Appropriation Bill; and the Senate then adjourned.

In the House on Monday, Mr. Ingry, the delegate from Florida, moved to amend the bill for the admission of the United States, in relation to the cession of lands to them, and on account occupation of that Territory, be taken up. Mr. Fillmore, Adams, and Cave Johnson, to assist a similar committee which might be appointed on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Bastow gave notice that he would on Monday next, call the attention to a bill providing for an extra occupation at Florida.

The bill for the relief of Francis A. Harrison was read a third time and passed.

The Senate, at one o'clock, went into an Executive Session—and, after some time spent therein, the doors were opened—when Messrs. Evans, Bonner and Wright were appointed a Committee, to confer with that of the House, in relation to the disagreement of the Senate to

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For a long time previous to the establishment of the North American Review, the leading literary periodical of New England, was the Monthly Anthology, conducted by the "Anthology Club." Among the members of this association were several of the most distinguished men of the time, including Governor Lincoln, Daniel Webster, the late Mr. Buckminster, Judge Thacher, the late Rev. S. C. Thacher, Dr. Gardiner, Rev. Mr. Emerson, father of the late lamented Ralph Waldo Emerson, Mr. Dr. Bigelow, Prof. Tinker, Mr. Savage, and others. They had a social meeting with a supper, one evening in every month. Being at that time one of only three monthly reviews, or professional men in full employment, and too constantly occupied to give much time to letters, the published product of their labors was of no very great value; but the work, as a whole, was distinguished by a better taste than had generally prevailed in our periodical literature, and gave indications of a tendency toward improvement. The Anthology was suspended before the establishment of the North American Review.

"HESPERIA."

Mr. Colton, in the notes to his new poem, "Tecumseh," mentions as an unhappy circumstance that we have in this country no literary class, "no metropolis of mind; and that he has therefore felt the necessity of coining a new one. He proposes *Hesperia*, which in truth is both classical and appropriate. But the author used it often in his "Columbiad," we cannot see that Mr. Colton's claim of "right by invention" will pass for much. He says well, however, that "a capital title is far to be called Americana is no designation, as it is shared by the inhabitants of the Southern Continent. The appellation of North American is very indefinite, belonging as much to the Texan, Mexican, or Greenlander, as to us. In South America, Hesperia is the name for every thing here; and the term Yankee, a nick-name of somewhat doubtful character, can apply only to the people of New England. Among European writers, Hesperia is the appropriate designation, except as "Colonies of the United States of North America," and half a man's ideas would have him believe that could well be entered.

POETASTERS.

"Poetry, a Metrical Essay," by Doctor Oliver Wendell Holmes, contains some of the finest specimens of versification in the English language. The poem lacks unity, however, and the thoughts are strung upon about as well detached from each other as when printed in connection. It was delivered before the Alumni of Harvard University some time after the publication of Byron in 1836, and was received with extraordinary and well merited applause. The following extract, which could be dedicated to figurative poetry, were omitted in the printed copies of it. How admirably they describe the greater portion of the "compositions" of the day!

> How many a stanza, blushing like the rose,
> Would turn to flattery if rendered in prose!
> How many a line, that reads like sterling ore,
> If coin'd in type, would pass for tinsel'd lore,
> Roll in the crucible a sluggish mass,
> A grain of gold in a pound of dross!
> Slaves of their phrases, our unconscious masters
> Would sweat like negroes at the cane-mill grinders;
> Our gay Lotharios, with their Byron Curls,
> Would find the "sensitive plant" in girls!
> Wit to the spectres of Personnel shrink,
> If truth should stalk in naked majesty!
> Lo, in the stranger's pale contorted face,
> The ghastly form of Poetry we trace. "Alas!"
> Cried he, and hoarse and brief the accents broke,
> Trop heavy thoughts, and down at once they drop.
> Observe my sorrow! Grief has changed for me
> Finds not the solace that he seeks—there.
> That to their grief a single tongue
> He nodded gloated on the scite of rhyme.
> The prisoner saw poet hand in a tongue
> To curse in prose the thankless state he sang.
> Thus, when the Muse, by Fancy's fairy hand,
> Is led in triumph through the festive land,
> How sure the study of romance to please,
> Whose vocabulary begins with Helicon!
> How rich and full our intentions rule
> "Are you a Poetaster, or Paintaster, sir?"
> But where her name some vagrant "proper noun,"
> And Portingalee, or Dutch, or Hun,
> She might be pictured for her doubtful fame,
> And no restriction could there be to blame;
> And he who outraged the poetic sense
> By "Thames" and "Richmond" in a single stanza
> The heedless bard who, in the midst of song,
> Who liked others and themselves in song,
> Who liked others and themselves in song,
> Must down the corners of an album's page,
> Or have compelled to endure their quivering chorus.
> At half-length encounters more than legs and arms,
> Will tell us, "Mr. Jones, I'm sure, is dead,"
> And call their cousins "lovely Genevieve."
> Thus, when the Muse, by Fancy's fairy hand,
> Is led in triumph through the festive land,
> Smiles on the Poets who her laws disdain to cross,
> That nowhere Helen in a gingham grows!

CHINESE LITERATURE.

The last number of the *American Eclectic* contains an interesting article on the history of the Chinese, and the various collections of Chinese and Mandchou books in Europe, which shows that the inhabitants of the Celestial Empire have attained a high degree of refinement and successful in the cultivation of letters than is generally supposed. The article is from the pen of Professor Brunet, distinguished for his knowledge of the Chinese language, relating to the great collection of Chinese works in the library of the St. Petersburgh Academy of Science.

It appears that the Russian government began to make Chinese collections as early as 1715, when the Academy of Science was founded. In the year 1780, the Russian diplomatic agent at Pekin, sent to Peter the Great a large collection of Chinese books, which were immediately translated into the Russian, of whom there was then a very considerable number in the Celestial empire. These books were presented to the Academy of Science, and obtained from the Jesuits

Gems from the Poets.

TIME'S CHANGES.

I met four men—on Trinity Day,
Four, like a schooner just outsailing,
Sharp on the starboard bow of me;
And Sixpence jingled in their hearing
Each had a shilling in his fist,
Each minded something—the sight of gain
Or else the shining—and I wished
That Sixpence had been ten times again.

Oh! who could look on such a face,
On such a form, so stately-free,
And darkly dream this could come quickly
To bowed shame and misery?

Four in her ears, and in her fair
Hand a fat thing of gilt and lightness,
Bought (with the tuppence given her)
Of some old hungry, evil huckster.

I met her tottering—almost sixteen—
The end of everything in view—
Then gathered a nineteen here worn,
Then one of twenty, and then two.

I met her thirty-five's dark decency,
In widow's garments sad around her,
Then a poor forty-seven passing
As even my cursory portrayed her;
And last of all, I met her fifty-four,
Upon the street, and watched a minute
The mockery and the sparkling glitter;
Then I went in and had it out.

The vanishing of Time's changes,
Time, in their place's unknown frame,
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In feeling which, the human fate
That every human wields in part,
A consciousness—which is not good,
Which is not bad, which is not indifferent,
A silliness—as of Nature's self
A fairy glow on brow and feet,
With which, like fairies, maidens go dancing.

A last time—and measured she lay,
Measured, like some unwieldy vase,
A supreme mould of fading clay,
Into which Time had cast his face!
I gazed—my heart was like to burst—
And, as I gazed, I saw the vase
The brass scheme I see her from
Was changed, and I was changed, and I
Was changed, and I stood in Time's days.

As normal she in her station day,
A happy mother in the Grace
Of planned hope, and many beauty—
Let the dead bury the dead!
Much Desdemona's dead years o'er me,
And I am living Othello still.

Whose works in defence recite before me!

Lever's New Novel.

OUR MESS.

By Jack Hinton, the Guardsman.

CHAPTER XIX

THE CANAL BOAT.

In obedience to O'Grady's directions, of which, for brevity's sake, we left a memorandum in writing, we started from Portobello in the usual hour on the afternoon of the day but one following. The day was dark and lowering, with occasional showers of cold and dreary rain; however, the coming glance I took of the glorious bay of Dublin, as we passed the Pigeon House, and saw the white and buttressed up in my great coat, and with my cap pulled down to the brim, I felt very much like a soldier on the deck for several hours, my own thoughts affording me sufficient occupation, and I was glad the companion system existed, I should not have desired any other; as for Mr. Corney, I never knew him so inoffensive, and he looked at my fellow-passengers, there was nothing, either in their dress, air, or appearance, to induce me to court for any closer intimacy. The majority of them were stout, plain-looking people, with cases of cutlery or gay tin-ware, leather gaiters, and thick shoes, returning, as I could guess from some chance-acquaintance they had formed, from the Dublin market, whither they had probably gone with the produce of their farms to sell, and bought, the qualities of which formed the staple of conversation. There was also one lively-looking woman, rather good looking women, with a certain air of half-pretty shop girl, which would lead her at times to display a degree of pertness, which, however, I was sure of the company; that consideration was a pure selfishness on my part, as I knew that my companion would scarcely succeed to raise her bagged eyes, and spiral with an upward pout from those dirty boots, and that bonnet of dingy straw, and her brown cotton cloak, but her humble vocation, and her position, as I thought, in the world, and I was determined to be as unobtrusive as possible, and to avoid, if I could, from some chance occurrence, any intimacy with her.

Whether it was the polite attention bestowed upon me by his servants, or whether it was a natural trait in the character of the former, I cannot say, but I was certainly struck with the deference which almost immediately was paid to my every wish, and although unaccustomed with every one, myself, somehow, not to suffer in the least from a sense of shyness, I soon became so dispersed on all sides. He was a short, florid-looking, little fellow, with a round bullet head, the features of which were, at first sight, so very expressive that it was difficult to decide on their prevailing expression. There was great fun and much relish, and humour with fun, caught a character of severity from his heavy overhanging eyebrows, and there was a acute expression in his compressed lips that every moment gave way to some burst of good and genial humour, as every now and other of his friends; his voice, however, was the most remarkable thing about him, for while at one moment he would declaim in the full round tone of a person accustomed to speak in public, in the next he would sink down into an easy and familiar accent, to which the preference of his hearer imparted a welcome gentleness.

His dress was a suit of rusty black, with leather breeches of the same color, and high boots; the cut was, which would have led to a conclusion that he was a gentleman, have explained the secret of that universal understanding he maintained with all orders; for he knew every man's business, from the driver, whose whip he had shown, what success had attended them in the market, how much he had made by it, and what the pigs were sold for; he asked why Tom didn't come to the house, and if Molly's child was well of the measles; he had a word not for the shopkeeper's wife, but that was said in a whisper; and then producing a copper tandy-full, about the size of a saucer, he presented it to her with a graceful bow, saying,

"This is not the first time I have had the honor of tasting your Italian cordials, captain. We were quartered there together, and I have a long memory."

I soon perceived that this was the same priest, whose controversial powers had kept us awake for nearly half the night, and I could not help wondering at the cause of his wander. I was delighted, however, to renew my acquaintance and was more encouraged in pleasure; this resided in his proposing that we should sit altogether of dinner, to which I at once assented.

"I know people, dearest people, captain; but mixing after all, in the ways of the world is not my forte. Now, I'm sure you're dying to say a bit, Corney. You may as well have out, Mr. Lorkins.—For a set of dovetailed old bachelors, with nothing but time, and then, for a crowd, to drag the end cold moment forth, that Saint Peter and all—for are of diamonds," (he) tackled you under the table, and you'd never know it, for you have no more taste at it; and an angel of a woman ye are; and I'm sure you'd think I could be a good one myself. The odd trick out of you, Mr. Lorkins. No, no, I deny it—ergo the contrary, as Tom Cooper and Dr. Quigley say. The truth, my lee, is, Peter; and if you contribute to the general fund, I'll make you a present of a pair of gaiters for the two, Mother Lorkins. Trumps! another bottle—another bottle, I say. Where's the corkscrew? I'll beggar the bank tonight. Mullaneyday—Lord, Mullaneyday, of course, as we used to say formerly. Surprise me!"

Whether it was the French, or the look that accompanied it, I cannot say, but, certainly, the lady blushed and looked down, and the priest, in no wise disturbed by sound of explanation. To this did Mrs. Corney bend up to say, that the entertainment was the property of his self-invited to lead to. Then the old farmer and his pinky-cheeked wife, the handsome daughter and the chance of economy; for, the Cesar de Lion with his iron sauce, the good priest had about him, something, indeed, of sporting of the Nimrod order, and when Corney Lorkins's moment to recover from one blow, ere he dealt another, at that time.

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